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MEMORANDUM TO:

FROM: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence
SUBJECT: Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence

1. Confirming my verbal instructions to you at the time this project was undertaken, you are to observe the following:

a) you are to deal only with the designated representatives of the participating agencies and such members of those agencies as the representatives may indicate. You will not depart from established command channels.

b) the authorization of this project implies no inspection rights, but is limited to the assembling of facts pertinent to the procedures now in existence for handling information and intelligence indicating immediate danger to the security of the United States.


HUNTINGTON D. SHELDON

Army, Navy and State Dept.
review(s) completed.

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instructions apply.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence

REFERENCE: IAC-D-70

1. It is assumed that this fact-finding survey will confine itself to consideration of the procedures for delivering information to the Watch Committee. Under this assumption, I concur in the proposal made in IAC-D-70.

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2. The G-2 representative for [] to contact is Dr. Samuel McKee, I-72591.

Copy furnished:
Dr. Samuel McKee

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MEMORANDUM

From: Director of Naval Intelligence
To: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee
Subj: Proposed Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence
Ref: (a) IAG-D-70 dtd 6 July 1953

1. The Director of Naval Intelligence concurs in the proposal in reference (a) on the assumption the survey is to concern itself with the sources supplying the information to the Watch Committee. It is not considered necessary or desirable to examine all steps in handling incoming information from its initial point of receipt within the Navy Department.

2. Commander R. B. Kail, USN, Op-322F1E, Ext. 75453 (Code 131) is designated as a point of contact for [redacted]

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Carl F Espe
Rear Admiral, U S Navy
Director of Naval Intelligence

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STAFF STUDY: Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence

PROBLEM: Ascertain the procedures, and the conditions presupposed by those procedures, now in existence throughout the Government intelligence structure for handling information and intelligence indicating immediate danger to the security of the United States.

FACTS:

1. Paragraph 6, NSCID No. 1 defines the responsibilities of the IAC members and the DCI in the event a crisis situation arises. (Tab A)
2. The IAC on 7 December 1950 established a permanent Watch Committee, the purpose of which is to evaluate all incoming information and to alert the IAC to imminent hostile Communist military action.
3. The IAC agencies have recognized their individual responsibilities in response to crisis situations and have issued directives accordingly.

DISCUSSION:

1. It is essential that the DCI have maximum assurance that alerting mechanisms throughout intelligence are adequate to meet any foreign crisis situation.
2. A fact-finding survey to determine that all eventualities have been considered should be undertaken by CIA with the cooperation of the IAC members and other Government organizations as appropriate.
3. To be effective this survey must begin at the point of receipt of incoming information and examine all steps in its routing. The survey will point up gaps in existing procedures should any gaps exist, and will bring together in one place the details of these procedures.
4. The Assistant Director, Current Intelligence will accept responsibility for this survey and is prepared to designate [redacted] formerly Special Assistant to the Deputy Director/Intelligence, as the officer to conduct the survey.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the DCI approve the undertaking of subject survey.
2. That the IAC members be advised of this survey and that their cooperation be requested. (Tab B)

HUNTINGTON D. SHELDON
Assistant Director
Current Intelligence

Date _____

Recommend Approval:

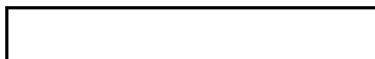
Deputy Director, Intelligence

Approved:

Director of Central Intelligence

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Originator:



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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, and for the purposes enumerated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that:

6. Whenever any member of the Intelligence Advisory Committee obtains information that indicates an impending crisis situation, such as the outbreak of hostilities involving the United States, or a condition which affects the security of the United States to such an extent that immediate action or decision on the part of the President or the National Security Council seems to be required, he shall immediately furnish the information to the other members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee as well as to other officials or agencies as may be indicated by the circumstances. The Director of Central Intelligence shall immediately convene the Intelligence Advisory Committee. After receiving the views of the Intelligence Advisory Committee members, the Director of Central Intelligence shall promptly prepare and disseminate the national intelligence estimate in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 5 above.

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MEMORANDUM TO IAC AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence

1. NSCWD No. 1 assigns specific responsibilities to the IAC and its member agencies in the event that information is received indicating impending foreign crisis situations or foreign conditions that affect the security of the United States to such an extent that immediate action or decision on the part of the President or the National Security Council seems to be required.

2. Although alerting procedures exist in each agency, the Director of Central Intelligence desires that these procedures be reviewed as a whole periodically in order that the Director and the IAC may have maximum assurance of the effectiveness of procedures for handling emergency situations.

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4. It would be appreciated if each member would inform the Secretary of his concurrence in this proposal and designate an officer who could work closely with [REDACTED]

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Secretary
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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/Department of State/

July 7, 1953

MEMORANDUM

To: The Secretary,
Intelligence Advisory Committee.

The Proposed Survey of Alerting Procedures in Intelligence (IAC D-70) is acceptable to this organization. Mr. James H. Emms, Republic 7-5600, Extension 1221, is designated as Department of State representative on this project.

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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